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(*b*) whether effect has already been given to the proposal; if so, in what taluks;

(*c*) whether for the selection and discharge of village servants consequent on such regrouping Government have issued any definite instructions or rules for the guidance of the district authorities; if so, what they are; and

(*d*) whether the proposals of the district authorities for such regrouping and the selection of village servants are submitted for final approval to the Board of Revenue?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The revision of village establishments has been undertaken throughout the Presidency under the orders of Government. The Government are not in possession of the details asked for.

(*c*) No instructions were issued in addition to the rules already in the Standing Orders of the Board of Revenue.

(*d*) Proposals for regrouping require the approval of the Board of Revenue. The selection of village servants rests with the Revenue Divisional Officer.

Mr. K. PRABHAKARAN TAMPAN:—"Will the Government be pleased to call for details?"

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE:—"Yes."

Famine.

Famine conditions in the Kurnool district.

422 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur C. VENKATARANGA REDDI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there has been a complete failure of the north-east monsoon in the Kurnool district;

(*b*) whether famine conditions prevail in (1) the black cotton soil villages and some red soil villages of the Pattikonda taluk, (2) the Owk division of the Koilkuntla taluk and (3) in a few villages of the Kurnool and Dhone taluks;

(*c*) whether some villages which were affected last year have been affected this year also;

(*d*) if so, the names of such villages; and

(*e*) what steps the Government have taken or propose to take to alleviate distress in the affected villages?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) & (*d*) From the Collector's report received, the Government learn that rainfall has been very short and outturn poor in parts of Maddikera village.

(*c*) The economic history of this village for four years past is reported to be unfavourable.

(*e*) The suspension of kists is under consideration.

Rao Bahadur C. VENKATARANGA REDDI:—"With reference to the answers given to clauses (*b*) and (*d*) of my question, will the hon. the Revenue Member be pleased to state whether the Government have received any petitions from the ryots of villages referred to in clause (*b*)?"

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE:—"The information will be supplied."

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Rao Bahadur C. VENKATARANGA REDDI :—" May I ask the hon. Member whether he will consider those petitions when received ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE :—" Yes."

Rao Bahadur C. VENKATARANGA REDDI :—" May I ask the hon. Member to state whether he will take some action on the Famine Committee Report ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE :—" Action will be taken when it is found necessary."

Rao Bahadur C. VENKATARANGA REDDI :—" Have reports been received from the Collector of Kurnool as regards any other villages ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE :—" Some reports have been received."

Rao Bahadur C. VENKATARANGA REDDI :—" Will he be pleased to lay them on the table ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE :—" No objection."

Rao Bahadur C. VENKATARANGA REDDI :—" With reference to the answer given in clause (*e*), will the suspension of kist apply to all villages in the Kurnool district ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE :—" I want notice."

Land Revenue.

Backyard cultivation in Tanjore and Trichinopoly districts.

423 Q.—Mr. L. C. GURUSWAMI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased—

(1) to lay on the table all the orders and the instructions of the Board of Revenue relating to backyard cultivation in Tanjore, Trichinopoly and other deltaic districts ; and

(2) to state whether it is a fact that waste nattam backyards above 25 cents in extent in Tanjore and Trichinopoly districts are penalised to the extent of rupee one under Act III of 1905 ?

A.—(1) & (2) The hon. Member is referred to the Press Communiqué, dated 23rd September 1916, and to G.O. No. 3075, Revenue, dated 27th August 1918, which was placed on Editors' Table.

Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" With reference to the answer given to this question, will the hon. Member for Revenue be pleased to lay on the table the G.O. No. 3075, dated 27th August 1918, and the Press Communiqué, dated 23rd September 1916, which are very important at least to the Members coming from Tanjore and Trichinopoly ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE :—" They are in the Library."

Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" The Members have not got them."

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE :—" They will see them in the library."

Medical.

Principalship of the Medical College.

424 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether orders were actually issued by the Surgeon-General intimating to Colonel Chaudhuri, I.M.S., his appointment as the Principal of the Madras Medical College ;